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**Montana Supreme Court Public Meeting
August 7, 2007
Justice Building, Attorney's Lounge, 4th Floor
Helena, Montana**

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Chief Justice Karla Gray called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All justices were present. Guests included Court Administrator Lois Menzies, Water Court Judge Bruce Loble, Water Commissioner Leslie Kenney, Barry Rice and Rep. Diana Rice.

The minutes from the meeting on July 3, 2007, were approved.

The Court re-appointed Glen Welch to the District Court Council for a three year term.

The Court re-appointed Peg Allison to the Commission on Self-Represented Litigants for a three year term.

The Court appointed Sarah Etchart to the Commission on Practice to serve out the remainder of Jan Brown's term, and for a four year term thereafter. The Court also re-appointed Jim Cannon and Pat Devries for four-year terms.

The Court unanimously approved the Drug Treatment Court Funding Policy.

The Court unanimously approved the CASA Policy Revisions.

The Court discussed the non-lawyer practice rules for the Water Court, and by a 5-2 vote (Justices Rice and Warner) adopted the Agency Proposal, with a delayed effective date of July 1, 2009. Justice Morris will circulate a proposed order.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Duly Submitted,
Lisa Kallestad
Law Clerk